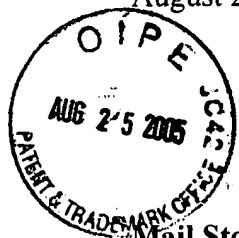


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the May 4, 2005, office action (the "Office Action"), Applicant makes a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month, and encloses a check in the amount of \$910.00 for payment of the \$790.00 filing fee for the RCE and \$120.00 fee for the extension of time. Applicant also requests that the claims be amended as reflected in the following listing of claims starting on page 2. The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-referenced patent application (the "Application"). The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.